

Captain John A. Edwards, USN

Commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Captain Edwards is a native of Altoona, Pa. He was commissioned as an Unrestricted Line Ensign through the NROTC program at the Pennsylvania State University where he graduated with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering in 1975.

His first tour was as Gunnery Officer and Electrical Officer aboard USS PORTLAND (LSD 37). During this tour he obtained his Surface Warfare Officer qualification and was selected for the Carrier Readiness Improvement Program. He attended Main Propulsion Assistant school and completed his second sea tour as Auxiliaries Officer aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).



Captain Edwards was then selected for lateral transfer as an Engineering Duty Officer and attended Post Graduate School at the Pennsylvania State University where he obtained an M.S. degree in Nuclear Engineering. Following post graduate school he was assigned to the Naval Reactors Representatives Office at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He then participated in the Engineering Duty Officer Dolphin program which included a refit and patrol onboard USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (SSBN 640).

His second shipyard tour was at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard where he was a Ship Superintendent for the USS GRANT (SSBN 631), USS JACK (SSN 605) and USS SIMON BOLIVAR (SSBN 640) overhauls. He was then assigned a two-year tour as the Nuclear Repair Officer. Following this industrial tour he received orders for his third sea tour as Repair Officer on USS HUNLEY (AS 31). He was then assigned as Force Maintenance Officer on COMSUBLANT staff followed by a Naval Sea Systems headquarters tour as the Director of Submarine Safety and Quality Assurance, SEA 92Q.

His third shipyard tour was at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, where he served two years as Engineering and Planning Officer, Code 200, and one year as the Operations Officer, Code 300.

CAPT Edwards then served for two years as Head Engineering Duty Officer Detailer and Community Manager.

On 14 May 2001, he assumed Command of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

Captain Edwards' decorations include the Meritorious Service medal with three stars, Navy Commendation Medal with one star and the Navy Achievement Medal.